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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,864,018, issued January 26, 1999 (Morser et al.) (Exhibit 1);
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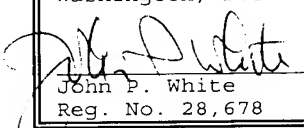
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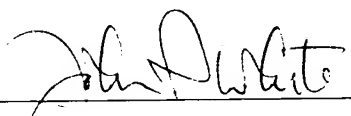
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